1	2	3	4	5
20.	Tamil Nadu	69.37	90.70	72.77
21.	Tripura	7.10	1.90	2.78
22.	Uttar Pradesh	153.73	133.76	118.66
23.	West Bengal	116.68	80.90	63.49
Union Territory				
24.	Chandigarh	9.31	8.37	8.14
25	Delhi	108.81	105.89	44.06
26.	Pondicherry	2.43	2.52	1.33

Stock of Old Foodgrains

2084. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government still hold a lot of old foodgrains in their godowns; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and also for their non and distribution to the people especially during the last year when there was shortage and prices of foodgrains rose very high?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. (A small quantity of) Around 4.82 lakh MTs of Goodgrains is lying in the godowns of FCI which are more than two years old.

(b) although FCI follows the principle of First-in-First-out in disposal of stocks, due to certain unavoidable circumstances such as movement constraints, closure of depots, upgradation procedures, operational exigencies, low offtake by states, non- acceptance of old stock by some State Governments in PDS etc., such accumulation cannot be eliminated. Last year, FCI issued foodgrains not only under PDS but also under Open Market Sale Scheme(D) to have a sobering affect on the market prices. FCI also auctions old stocks of foodgrains by open tenders.

Infrastructural Facilities for Mushroom Processing

2085. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for creation of infrastructural facilities for processing of mushroom in the country ;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ;

(c) the number of States covered under the scheme and the financial assistance given for the purpose, State-Wise ; and

(d) the criteria fixed for giving financial assistance to backward States like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar for implementation of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (d) During the 9th Five Year Plan, including 1997-98, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries proposes to implement a Plan Scheme to provide assistance to joint/assisted sector undertakings, cooperatives, private sector undertakings, non-Governmental organizations, Voluntary organizations, etc. for setting up of infrastructural facilities for cultivation and processing of mushrooms in the country.

Financial assistance to the Joint/assisted sector undertakings would be available in the form of interest-free loan. In the case of private sector undertakings, cooperatives, Voluntary Organizations and State public sector undertakings belonging to North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh financial assistance would be available in the form of grant-in-aid. The financial assistance would be available to the implementing organizations for setting up of compost pastuerisation facilities, spawn lab and canning & processing facilities for mushrooms.

The State-wise details of financial assistance provided during the 8th Five Year Plan are given in the attached Statement.

No specific criteria has been fixed for providing financial assistance for mushroom projects to be set up in backward States like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar in implementation of the Scheme. Financial assistance by the Ministry is provided on the basis of technical & economic viability of proposal received.

Statement

The statewise details of Financial Assistance provided for setting up of infrastructural facilities for Cultivation & Mushroom processing during the VIIIth Five Year Plan

Name of the State		Amount of Assistance Released (Rs. in Lakhs)
1		2
Andhra Pradesh	-	25.oo
Assam	-	20.91
Bihar	-	6.18
Himachal Pradesh	-	23.65
Haryana	-	14.00
Maharashtra	-	126.12
Manipur	-	2.67

1		2
Mizoram	-	29.00
Madhya Pradesh	-	13.49
Nagaland	-	57.25
Orissa	-	11.00
Punjab	-	150.00
Rajasthan	-	25.00
Uttar Pradesh	-	17.25
Tamil Nadu	-	63.00
West Bengal	-	30.00

Unfair Investigation

2086. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "City Court assails police for 'Totally unfair' investigation Accuseed was in jail for 3 years, without evidence" appearing in The *Times of India* dated June 28, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the case mentioned therein; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accused was acquitted by the Court essentially on the ground that the investigation has failed to reveal any meterial avidence in supoort of the charges made against him.

(c) The Deputy Commissioner of Police concerned has been asked to take appropriate action against the Inspector of police involved in the case.

Anti- Rabies Vaccine

2087. SHRI PRADEEP BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Lack of equipment hampers vaccine production", apearing in the *Statesman* dated June 23, 1997;

(b) if so, whether Pasteur Institute at Calcutta has not produced even a single vial of anti-rabies vaccine from the last five years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken, to streamline the functioning of the Institute and to start the production of anti-rabies vaccine ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Tabel of the House.

Irregularities in NDDB

2088. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Government tablesdiluted note in House" appearing in *The Hindustan Times* dated June 7, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 30th Annual Report of the NDDB for the year 1995-96 alongwith Review Report was sent to the Secretariats of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 10th April, 1997, for laying on Table of both the Houses. Later the Government felt that the Review Report does not cover all the points. Accordingly, the previous report which was not placed before the House was withdrawn and a fresh review report sent to Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha Sectt. on 15-5-97.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

Decline in Foodgrains

2089. SHRI KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether agricultural production has declined in some parts of the country due to non-availability of fertilisers and seeds to the farming community ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to reverse the trend and ensure proper land use pattern, crop-wise?